

SUSPECT QUESTIONED IN TACOMA KIDNAPING

New Crisis in Spanish War Created as Nazis Detain Steamer

GERMANY AND BASQUES GIVE NEW WARNINGS

Reich Warships To Push "Rough Treatment" Until Shipping Respected—Spanish Ordered To Fire on Vessels Attacking Merchantmen.

Berlin, Jan. 2. (AP)—German warships will continue "rough treatment" of Spanish shipping until Nazi vessels are respected on the high seas, the foreign office announced Saturday night through its mouthpiece, Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz.

The warning—apparently intended as a threat to Spanish authorities at Bilbao—came on the heels of an official announcement that German warships had "retaliated" against two Spanish vessels.

One—the freighter Aragon—was seized. The other—the freighter Soton—was driven ashore by shellfire.

Retaliation Due.
The autonomous Basque Government ordered its patrol boats to open fire on any vessel attacking Spanish merchant ships, after the German Koenigsberg shelled the freighter Soton.

The order was the first "extreme measure" by which the northern administration hoped to halt attacks by foreign vessels.

Paris. The Spanish Government ambassador declared the Soton shelling "an act of war," and announced Valencia (Spanish Government) envoys would consult the British and French Governments.

Bayonne—Bilbao advised the Soton escaped capture after it had gone around because a Spanish Government plane flew over the Koenigsberg, forcing the cruiser to retreat. Rome—Great Britain and Italy signed a "gentleman's agreement" to maintain the status quo in the Mediterranean and to further Anglo-Italian friendship. Although there was hope this accord might facilitate eventual regulation of Spanish war problems, informed sources reiterated Italy was not deserting the Spanish insurgents.

Threat to Neutrality.

London—The new German naval action against Spanish merchantmen was seen as a grave threat to the prospects of halting foreign intervention in the Spanish conflict between a Socialist government and an army of Fascist insurgents, already called a "little world war" because of the number of outside participants.

WIDE SEARCH PRESSED IN HUNT FOR BLAST KILLERS

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 2. (AP)—Police in four states pressed a man-hunt Saturday for three men they believed to be the gangster trio who blasted a companion to bits New Year's eve with five tons of explosives and seriously wounded his "girl friend."

Officers in Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa, as well as South Dakota, were on the lookout for Lee Bradley, South Dakota bank robber, Harry (Slim) Reeves, ex-convict of Iowa, and William Nesbeth of Sioux City, Iowa.

Heien Siler, 25-year-old Sioux City woman, told police they were the men who took her and Harold Baker, former California convict, to a powder warehouse just outside the city, slugged them with a hammer, shot them and left them to be blown up by 3,000 pounds of dynamite and 7,500 pounds of blasting powder.

Miss Siler said the fantastic killing was prompted by the fear of other members of the gang that she or Baker would "squawk" about a jewelry store safe burglary in Sioux City last week.

BURNED BODY OF GIRL FOUND IN RUINS OF SHACK

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 1. (AP)—Firemen found the burned body of 19-year-old Clara Edens, blackened surgical instruments by her side, in the ruins of a fire-wrecked shack in West Charleston Friday.

Coroner James E. Roberts said he would perform an autopsy to determine if the girl was about to become a mother.

Police said Allen Meyers occupied the hut and held him for questioning.

The officers said he told them he left the shack early and was informed soon after it was afire.

Incomplete Aerial.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2. (AP)—For E. F. Sheehan, the coach of the Rose Bowl football game was six futile hours of flying and one unused ticket. Sheehan's trip to the West Coast ended at Cheyenne, Wyo., when bad weather grounded his airliner. He took a plane back to Lincoln, a disappointed grid fan and poorer by \$45.

RAINFALL HERE IN PAST YEAR DROPS BELOW AVERAGE

Rainfall in Vernon during 1936 totaled 19.67 inches, as compared with 27.83 inches the previous year, according to the annual report to the United States Weather Bureau by John D. Huntley, the Bureau's observer here. The 1936 precipitation was more than eight inches below the annual average of 27 inches. The 1934 total was 21.82.

Nearly one-half of the rainfall of the past year was recorded in one month—September, with 9.44 inches. The September rains followed a month in which no moisture was recorded. February had a trace of moisture, but not enough to register. Rainfall for other months follows: January 30, March 22, April 2.59, May 3.62, June 1.20, July 27, September 9.44, October 1.18, November .09, December .26.

Records for recent years as to hot and cold weather were set during 1936. The mercury passed the 100 mark 60 days and dropped below the freezing point 65 days. Temperature above 100 was recorded 28 days in 1935 and below freezing, 49. During 1936 the temperature was above 100 degrees 14 days in June, 22 in July and 24 in August. January was the coldest month with 23 days of freezing weather. February was a close second with 21. The lowest reading, five degrees, was on Feb. 8. The highest, 114, was recorded two days, July 19 and Aug. 12.

Vernon had 123 clear days, 189 partly cloudy and 54 cloudy days in 1936, according to Mr. Huntley's report. In 1935, the report showed 106 clear, 169 partly cloudy and 30 cloudy.

LIONS GATHER HERE JAN. 22 CLUBS IN EIGHT CITIES INVITED TO LADIES' NIGHT BANQUET

Members of the Vernon Lions Club voted Friday to sponsor an inter-city ladies' night banquet here Jan. 22 for Lions Clubs of Group 1, District 2-E. J. R. Wright, M. C. Culbertson and W. V. Alvey were named to make arrangements for the event. Invitations for the meeting will be sent to clubs at Chillicothe, Wichita Falls, Nocona, Iowa Park, Electra, Burk Burnett and Bowie.

The program for the regular weekly luncheon Friday featured a farewell talk by L. P. Kramer, a member of the club since 1921, and a report by M. C. Culbertson on the community Christmas tree sponsored by the B. & P. W. Club. Mr. Kramer will move to Glen Rose, Ark., soon.

A committee composed of E. A. Vernon, C. Y. Smith, C. P. Price and Quincy Wilson was appointed to work with the Optimist Club in presenting a minstrel show here in February.

Visiting Lions at the luncheon were R. M. Fielder of San Angelo, J. Harper of Wichita Falls and J. W. Hulsey of Chillicothe. The program committee for January is composed of J. N. Wright, T. J. McGill and Kade West. Directors will meet Monday night in the office of C. Y. Smith.

COMMODITIES CHIEF SEES AID FOR RETAIL TRADE

Austin, Jan. 2. (AP)—William A. Nielander, associate director of the Surplus Commodities Corporation, said here recently distribution of millions of pounds of commodities to relief clients helped retail business.

Nielander said the national distribution program also helped encourage creation of agricultural by-products.

Smoked meat, butter, prunes, flour, and canned meat, valued at \$62,000, was distributed among approximately 70,000 Texas families.

Creation of two and one-half pound molds for retail trade instead of the usual five-pound molds in use in these factories was one of the new merchandising standards brought about by the distribution program.

When the government conceived the plan of using up surplus milk and butter for distribution as cheese, the only molds in factories were too large, he said, and a centerpiece was placed in the five-pound mold. Today this is a standard size on the market.

Heralds Recovery.

New York, Jan. 2. (AP)—C. M. Chester, chairman of the General Foods Corp., says in a review of the year food manufacturers helped recovery in 1936 by "holding price advances to a minimum, increasing raw material purchases, raising income of employees and investors and expanding employment."

LIGHTED BOMB FOUND NEAR CALLES HOME

Heavy Guard Placed Around California Home of Former Mexican President—Servant Snatches Burning Fuse To Prevent Explosion.

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 2. (AP)—A lighted bomb found in front of the home of General Plutarco Elias Calles caused police Saturday to place a heavy guard about the residence of the exiled former "iron man" of Mexican politics.

Braulio Estrada, member of the Calles household, saw a man lighting the bomb late Friday night from a window of the residence. He ran from the house, snatched the burning fuse from the bomb and pursued the man into an isolated section of Balboa Park.

Police Chief George Sears said the bomb, a crude affair fashioned out of a quart beer bottle and filled with black crystal powder was sufficiently powerful to demolish the Calles mansion.

Calles and several relatives were in the residence playing cards when the apparent attempt to assassinate the former Mexican President was made.

The former Mexican President recently gave newspapermen an interview in which he said Mexico was on the brink of revolution. He claimed his exile, ordered by President Cardenas in April, 1936, would aggravate the situation.

When Calles was seen from his native land by the presidential order, it was charged he had carried on "criminal law against the Mexican revolution." Calles has criticized the present Mexican Administration as Communist. He came here to live shortly after his exile.

SON OF VERNON MAN MAY LOSE EYE FROM INJURY

An accident which occurred while he was helping his mother, Mrs. J. L. Reed, of Hot Springs, Ark., set out rose cuttings may permanently impair the vision of Billy Norwood, Jr., 14, according to word received by his father, B. K. Norwood, of Vernon.

Young Norwood, a high school student, was using a pick to dig holes for the cuttings when the instrument was deflected by a clothes line above his head and struck him over the right eye.

Six stitches were required to close the gash in his eyelid and attending physicians stated they were unable to tell whether or not his eyesight would be permanently affected.

CYCLISTS AND SKATERS GIVEN WARNING BY MAYOR

Skaters and bicycle riders must remain off of downtown sidewalks, according to a statement issued Saturday by Mayor H. D. Hockersmith. "If there was a kid in Vernon that didn't have a bicycle or a pair of skates before Christmas he has them now," stated Mr. Hockersmith, "and he seems to think that downtown sidewalks are the proper place to try them out. The policemen have been instructed to put a stop to this at whatever cost. If it takes jail, all right, let it be jail."

SCHOOLS REOPEN MONDAY WITH EXAMINATIONS

Schools throughout Wilbarger County will reopen Monday following a 10-day Christmas vacation. Included in schools reopening on this date will be the St. Paul and Zion Lutheran day schools. Examinations marking the close of the first semester will be held Jan. 14 and 15 in Vernon schools. They will be held at approximately the same time in the other schools of the County and the period preceding that date will be spent in intensive preparation on the part of students and teachers alike.

YEAR'S POSTAL RECEIPTS AT PADUCAH ARE SMALLER

Paducah, Jan. 2. (AP)—Postal receipts for 1936 at the Paducah post office, exclusive of money orders, were \$12,898.46, slightly smaller than those for 1935 but larger than the receipts for any other year since 1929.

Christmas mailing was not as heavy in 1936 as in 1935. The receipts for the last quarter of 1936 were \$3,361.27 as compared with \$3,719.95 for the last quarter in 1935. The figure for the final quarter of 1936 is larger than that of any year since 1929 with the exception of that of 1935.

Receipts in 1932 totaled \$11,563.35. In 1933 the total receipts were \$12,567.23.

SHOWDOWN NEAR ON CONTEST FOR HOUSE LEADERSHIP WITH DEMOCRATS TO VOTE MONDAY

Washington, Jan. 2. (A-P)—The hard-fought House Leadership contest approached a showdown Saturday with opposing camps expressing confidence.

The main battle saw Representatives O'Connor (Democrat, N. Y.) and Rayburn (Democrat, Texas) entrenched against one another, although Representative Rankin (Democrat, Miss.) still was a contestant.

The 332 House Democrats will make their choice at a caucus Monday, at which William B. Bankhead of Alabama will be renominated for the speakership.

Rayburn is chairman of the House Interstate Commerce Committee, which brought out such New Deal legislation as the holding company regulatory act. O'Connor heads the influential rules committee, through which bills have to obtain right of way to the House floor.

Each claimed upwards of 200 votes as they planned last minute campaigning.

The extent of sub-surface negotiations for votes was so indefinite that neutral observers were unwilling to go beyond asserting that the race was wide open.

The sectional issue has been raised repeatedly because Rayburn comes from Texas, and the South already has numerous key positions in the House.

The latest pronouncement, from Representative McCormack, Democrat, Massachusetts, endorsed Rayburn and asserted the main question involved in the fight was not the section the candidate came from, but the type of leadership he stands for.

President Roosevelt has said the White House would follow its customary rule of non-participation. Vice-President Garner has come out "100 per cent" for Rayburn, his close friend.

BUILDING IN CITY TRACED

CONSTRUCTION IN 1936 IN VERNON VALUED AT \$88,200

Seventeen building permits were issued in 1936 from the office of City Secretary S. H. Hall. The permits were for construction, the total value of which was \$88,200.

The figure for new construction in Vernon during the past year was boosted to \$88,200 by expenditures of 10-16-36. The Citizens' Boys' and Girls' Club, building at 1519 Main, \$5,000; T. L. Pierce, remodeling brick building at 1529 Main, \$3,000; T. A. Murray, remodeling building at 1791 Main, \$1,500; Panhandle Refining Company, 824 Main, sheet iron warehouse, \$1,500; M. R. Barry, storage building, Wanderer and Deaf Smith streets, \$300; T. H. McKee, residence, 1913 Mesquite, \$2,000; Mrs. Elizabeth Herring, residence, 2218 Wheeler, \$5,000; R. L. Crew, repairs to frame building at 2205 Wichita, \$750; Mrs. J. A. Puckett, residence, 1330 Lexington, \$2,400; Eunice Wilson, brick building, northwest corner Texas and Fannin streets, \$2,500; H. Aston, repairs at 1511 Main, \$1,300; Boyd McClendon residence, 1831 Mansard, \$1,800; J. W. Jones, 3223 Wilbarger (Gable Inn), \$1,900; R. L. More, stone building at 1512 Fannin, \$8,000; J. E. Wright, residence, 3109 Paradise, \$6,500.

Permits issued were as follows: W. T. Elliott, of 3103 Texas Street, frame construction valued at \$250; E. O. Youngblood, brick building at 1521 Main, \$10,000; Joe Sumner, brick building at 1519 Main, \$5,000; T. L. Pierce, remodeling brick building at 1529 Main, \$3,000; T. A. Murray, remodeling building at 1791 Main, \$1,500; Panhandle Refining Company, 824 Main, sheet iron warehouse, \$1,500; M. R. Barry, storage building, Wanderer and Deaf Smith streets, \$300; T. H. McKee, residence, 1913 Mesquite, \$2,000; Mrs. Elizabeth Herring, residence, 2218 Wheeler, \$5,000; R. L. Crew, repairs to frame building at 2205 Wichita, \$750; Mrs. J. A. Puckett, residence, 1330 Lexington, \$2,400; Eunice Wilson, brick building, northwest corner Texas and Fannin streets, \$2,500; H. Aston, repairs at 1511 Main, \$1,300; Boyd McClendon residence, 1831 Mansard, \$1,800; J. W. Jones, 3223 Wilbarger (Gable Inn), \$1,900; R. L. More, stone building at 1512 Fannin, \$8,000; J. E. Wright, residence, 3109 Paradise, \$6,500.

CLOUDLESS SKIES GREET ROSE CARNIVAL VISITORS

Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 2. (AP)—Cloudless skies after a week of stormy weather greeted five million blossoms on parade Friday in Pasadena's annual Tournament of Roses.

For the 48th year, this city at the foot of snow-capped Mount Wilson merged May and January in a floral carnival. Yet the latest show retained a historic drawing power, 1,000,000 spectators from far and near being classed "just average" as a crowd.

There were 54 great flower-decked floats. In Spring hues they portrayed the journey theme—"Romance in Flowers."

A Pasadena Junior College coed, Nancy Bumpus, rode as Queen of the pageant. Her court of beauty numbered 1,000 girls.

Pasture Report Filled.

Kress, Jan. 2. (AP)—It is estimated 2,000 cattle are on wheat pasture in this part of Swisher County, together with a number of sheep.

FARMERS SEE SILO OPENED

TRENCH METHOD OF FEED STORAGE PRAISED BY WILBARGER MAN

A large number of farmers, were present Friday afternoon at the opening of two trench silos on the R. M. Bitter farm in the Lockett community. Ensilage which was placed in the silos Aug. 12 was found to be in excellent condition and was fed to all kinds of livestock.

Mr. Bitter stated the results obtained from this demonstration were so successful he plans to store approximately 100 tons of feed in this manner next season. Approximately 35 tons of feed were stored in the two silos on the Bitter farm this season.

The feed was placed in the silos under the direction of a specialist from the Texas A. & M. Extension Service and Fred Rennels, Wilbarger County Farm Agent, for the purpose of demonstrating the practicality of the trench silo method of storing feed. The trench silo, according to Mr. Rennels, is gaining great popularity with Texas farmers.

TAX EXEMPTION INCREASE IN OKLAHOMA HITS SNAG

Oklahoma City, Jan. 2. (AP)—The House of the Oklahoma Legislature refused Friday to concur in Senate amendments increasing the amount of proposed homestead tax exemption from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and sent the bill to a joint conference committee with instruction to House conferees to insist upon the \$1,000 figure.

Both houses agreed to adjourn the special session of the Legislature this day at 6 p. m. Monday. The session convened Nov. 24.

Belief was expressed by House leaders that Senators would recede from their amendments and accept the house \$1,000 figure on the homestead bill.

NYA OPENS NEW OFFICES TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Austin, Jan. 2. (AP)—The National Youth Administration announces two employment offices to serve youths with little or no work experience will be opened soon at Dallas and Houston.

Youths seeking employment may register at these offices. The service, the announcement says, is open to all youths who will be interviewed and recorded by occupational classifications.

Representatives of the junior division office contact employers in each community, offering to supply employees believed qualified for particular types of work.

Miss Fannie Mae Cawson will supervise the Houston office and John I. Beaudry the Dallas office.

A similar office has operated at Fort Worth since last Spring.

HEAVY TRADING MARKS STOCK EXCHANGE REVIEW

New York, Jan. 2. (AP)—Heaviest trading in stocks since 1930 and a sharp increase in new listings were highlights of 1936 for the New York Curb Exchange, says Fred C. Moffatt, president.

"An indication of the increased public interest in stocks during the year was the more numerous seasons in which daily turnover exceeded a million shares," he observes in a year-end statement. "On the curb exchange there were 135 days with a million or more shares dealt in compared with only one in 1935 and none in 1934."

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR MOVIE INDUSTRY SEEN

New York, Jan. 2. (AP)—B. H. Cochran, president of Universal Pictures, in year-end comment that the motion picture industry is entering 1937 with the "brightest prospects in its history" after staging an impressive comeback in 1936.

"The increase of nearly \$250,000,000 in the industry's gross receipts over the 1935 level to the largest total in five years not only reflected Nation-wide gains in employment and payrolls but a notable increase in the quality of motion pictures turned out," he said.

FULL PROGRAM LINED FOR NEW CONGRESS

Relief Appropriations Listed High Among Problems as Members Assemble—Neutrality Act Gets Attention—Long Session Expected.

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—Members of Congress, assembling Saturday for the session beginning next Tuesday, found a heavy month's work already cut out for them.

Relief funds are nearing exhaustion. A new appropriation of at least \$500,000,000 will be asked to carry through the remainder of the fiscal year beginning Jan. 30, also will be sought forthwith.

Most of the Democratic chiefs were expected to be on hand Saturday for final pre-session conferences.

On the House side legislative problems were subordinated temporarily by the warm battle between Representatives Rayburn of Texas and O'Connor of New York for the prized post of Democratic leader. This dispute will be settled at a party caucus Monday. Re-election of Speaker Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, was conceded.

A host of controversial problems in the background indicated a long, bitter congressional session despite record breaking Democratic majorities in both houses.

After action on the proposal to block arms exports to Spain, relief was expected to provide the first battleground. President Roosevelt was reported by close friends to be leaning toward an upward revision of his proposal for a supplementary appropriation of \$500,000,000.

Harry L. Hopkins, Relief Administrator, has been authoritatively reported favoring a much larger fund, with strong support from the so-called "liberal" group on Capitol Hill.

President Roosevelt will deliver his annual message Wednesday, after Congress has verified his re-election by counting the electoral votes in a ceremonial joint session.

SUDDEN DEATH REVEALS GAIN

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY TOLL SENDS YEAR-END TOTAL ABOVE 900

Chicago, Jan. 2. (AP)—More than 200 persons died violently in the Nation's welcome to the new year. Traffic accidents accounted for 170 of the unnatural deaths recorded on New Year's eve and New Year's day.

At least 44 died in fires, shootings, braxils, falls, suicides and cave-ins. Thirty states reported one or more deaths by violence. Pennsylvania placed the States with 29 fatalities, 19 of which were traffic deaths. California was next with 22.

Five occupants of an automobile were killed when a train smashed into the vehicle at Bloomer, Wis. Three persons died in a Texas explosion. The New Year's deaths swelled to at least 968 the toll of the Nation's Christmas-New Year's holiday period. There were 555 traffic fatalities and 206 violent deaths from other causes recorded during the long "Yuletide week-end" from Dec. 24 through Dec. 27.

HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL IN TEXAS SHOWS GAIN

(By The Associated Press)

Texas' holiday death toll stood Saturday at 12.

Ten persons lost their lives New Year's eve. The latest victims were: M. A. Moncrief, 24, fatally stabbed at a beer tavern between Fort Worth and Dallas.

Wilburn Martin, 23, injured fatally in an automobile-truck collision at Mineral Wells.

Theodore Charles Kuehling, 49, who died at Fort Worth of injuries suffered in a traffic accident earlier in the week.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT REPORTED SHOWING RAPID GAINS

Boston, Jan. 2. (AP)—Reported "much improved" Friday, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., the President's son, was up and about his room much of this third holiday he has spent in Phillips House of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Hospital officials said he was not yet permitted to dress and leave his room and would not be able to leave the hospital for another week or 10 days.

Young Franklin, convalescing from a streptococcus throat infection and a sinus infection, has been in the hospital since Thanksgiving Day.

MRS. IDA CHEEK OF CROWELL TAKEN BY DEATH

Crowell, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Ida Cheek, pioneer resident of Crowell, died here early Saturday morning following serious illness of the past few weeks. She received a fractured hip and other injuries on a Crowell street Nov. 30 when accidentally struck by a boy as he was running for a football. Pneumonia developed soon after the accident. Mrs. Cheek was 69 years of age.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Methodist Church of Crowell and interment will follow in the Crowell cemetery. Rev. Paul J. Merrill, pastor of the Christian Church at Henrietta, will be assisted in conducting the services by Rev. John W. Tyndall, pastor of the Crowell Christian Church and Rev. G. T. Reaves, pastor of the Central Christian Church of Vernon.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. John W. Cope of Vernon, Mrs. T. S. Hancey of Vernon and Miss Marion Cheek of Childress; four brothers, W. H. and J. C. Terrell of Norman, Okla., and A. B. and Herbert Terrell of Rattan, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. John Board of Texas, Okla., Okla., and Mrs. J. Ed Glem of Koppert, Texas, and three grandchildren. Mrs. Cheek had resided in Crowell since 1898. Her husband, J. F. Cheek, was a pioneer cattleman of this section, coming here before Ford County was organized in 1891. He died in Sheridan, Wyo., in 1924. While looking after ranching interests.

In Texas Since 1871.
Mrs. Cheek was born Nov. 30, 1867, in Fulton, Mo. Her maiden name was Ida Terrell. At the age of four she came to Texas with her family and settled in Dallas County. From there the family moved to Johnson County and Miss Terrell was married to S. A. Rash at Godley in 1888. He died in 1890. The marriage to Mr. Cheek took in 1898 place at Cleburne. She returned to Crowell with Mr. Cheek after the marriage.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock in the First Methodist Church of Crowell. Burial will be in the Crowell cemetery.

VERNON WOMAN'S FATHER SUCUMB AT HASKELL

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McPherson left Friday night for Haskell after receiving word of the death of Mrs. McPherson's father, L. D. Killingsworth, 78, a pioneer resident of Haskell County. Death occurred at the residence of Mayor G. F. Alexander of Haskell, following a sudden heart attack. Funeral arrangements had not been completed Saturday morning.

Mr. Killingsworth was formerly in business at Haskell. He was one of the organizers of the First State Bank which went out of existence a generation ago. Later he farmed but had retired at the time of his death. He was a former resident of Wise County, going to Haskell 35 years ago from that county.

Surviving are four sons, C. L. Killingsworth of Washington State, H. L. Killingsworth of Houston, Roy Killingsworth of Haskell, and I. D. Killingsworth, Jr., of Dallas; six daughters, Mrs. A. Landrum of Houston, Mrs. T. L. Ballard, Mrs. C. Pierson, and Mrs. John C. Payne, all of Haskell, Mrs. Grady Roberts of Chillicothe, and Mrs. J. E. McPherson of Vernon.

TEMPERATURE DROPS TO 25 DEGREES IN VERNON

A norther that struck this section early Saturday sent the mercury to 25 degrees in Vernon before daylight. The temperature continued to rise throughout the morning and had climbed a few degrees above the freezing mark early this afternoon. The lowest temperature here this winter was 24 degrees on Nov. 24.

As the cold wave from the Rockies penetrated the Southwest, the mercury hit a low of 16 at Amarillo, according to an Associated Press dispatch. Minimum readings at other points were: Abilene, 40; Lubbock, 21; Sherman, 33; Dallas, 48; Oklahoma City, 22; and Santa Fe, N. M., 8.

A light rain was reported at Sherman.

A maximum of 39 and a minimum of 42 degrees was recorded in Vernon on New Year's Day.

COURT TO NAME COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER JAN. 6

Applications for the position of Wilbarger County Health Officer in 1937 will be considered Wednesday morning, Jan. 6, at a special meeting of the Commissioners Court, according to announcement of County Judge M. G. Poter. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock. Dr. B. D. Flaniken was the Health Officer in 1936.

SEAMAN HELD AS OFFICERS TRACE CLUES

Resemblance of Prisoner to Man Invading Mattson Home Leads to Arrest—Ink Coloration of Note in Case Gets Attention.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 2. (AP)—Questioning of a former convict, examination of an abandoned campsite and study of ink coloration sent officers on new scents Saturday in the search for kidnapped Charles Mattson.

The 23-year-old former convict, closely resembling Charles' kidnaper, was arrested by Tacoma city police Friday night when he attempted to sell a lady's cameo ring on a

SEAMEN LOOK TO CONGRESS

LABOR OFFICIAL GOES TO CAPITAL AFTER PEACE PLANS BALKED

San Francisco, Jan. 2. (P)—Predictions of Federal action to end the 65-day Pacific Coast maritime strike replaced hopes of peace through settlement negotiations Saturday.

Some observers expressed belief legislation by the new Congress opening Tuesday will provide machinery for solving the tangled conflict.

The view that the next important move will come from Washington was supported by the departure of Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady for the National Capital.

McGrady left by airplane after two months of negotiations came to an apparently hopeless deadlock on the demand for hiring preference to union ships' officers.

E. P. Marsh, Labor Department conciliator, took over negotiation attempts but said he did not expect any further conferences before Monday. He hopes to bring the shipowners' committee together with representatives of longshoremen and radio telegraphists.

McGrady said he will make a detailed report to Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, who, he stated, "might" discuss the situation with President Roosevelt.

Demos Map Drive.

Austin, Jan. 2. (P)—Roy Miller, chairman of the Democratic State Campaign Committee, says the post-election drive for funds will be renewed after the holiday season in an attempt to obtain the \$50,000 Texas quota. Counties which exceeded their quotas, he says are: Hunt, Grimes, Hill, Burnett, Chambers, Bosque, Jim Hogg, Kleberg, Ward, Glasscock, Moore, Hutchinson, Castro, Terry, Val Verde, Sterling, Sutton, Schleicher, Oldham and Bandera.

Grain Acreage Checked.

Tulsa, Jan. 2. (P)—A recent check shows nearly 250,000 acres sown to wheat in Swisher County this fall. Farmers say there is ample subsoil moisture but the top is dry.

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Trucks Take Aid To Indians Held By Snow Drifts

Gallup, N. M., Jan. 2. (P)—Supply trucks moved at snail's pace out of Zuni behind a snow plow Saturday as the United States Indian Service sought to rescue more than 300 hungry, cold-hemmed, snowbound Navajos from the forbidding Zuni Mountain region 60 miles south of here.

Thirty-four miles of narrow mountain trail, in which snow was drifted in places as deep as eight feet, was the barrier between the rescuers and the marooned pinon nut harvesters. Superintendent E. R. Fryer of the Indian Service estimated there were approximately 15 Navajo families scattered through the region.

He estimated it would take two days to reach the first of these and that the rescue probably could not be completed for four or five days. Reports of the marooned were brought into Zuni late Friday by a weary, famished band of nearly 50 men, women and children, who also had been trapped by Monday's blizzard.

They said the second storm New Year's eve, which they weathered in the difficult trek, had removed all possibility of the scattered families breaking through to habitation.

They told a trader how their fellow harvesters were staying off starvation by eating their half-finished horses which were unable to find forage in the deep snow drifts.

Near zero weather added to the hardship.

LAZZATER-JACKSON RITES ANNOUNCED AT PADUCAH

Paducah, Jan. 2. (P)—Announcement was made today of the wedding of Miss Edna Erle Lazzater of Dumont and J. J. Jackson of Louisville, La., at the home of the bride's parents in Dumont Christmas Eve.

Following the ceremony which was attended by relatives and intimate friends, the couple left for Francisville, La., where they will make their home.

Mrs. Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lazzater of Dumont. She was reared in Dumont, attending school there until she attended school in Paducah. Following her graduation from Paducah High School Mrs. Jackson attended West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon.

The couple will be at home in Francisville where Mr. Jackson is in business.

Love's Labor Lost.

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 2. (P)—Justice L. M. Tartaglia pondered the sad state of romance Saturday. To celebrate the New Year and his birthday Friday, he offered to perform marriages free. There were no takers.

Gorged.

Waukesha, Wis., Jan. 2. (P)—Lloyd Tegge, 15, started the New Year with a fair to midlife's appetite. He won what was billed as a "State Championship Contest" by eating 28 hamburgers and 10 hot dogs at one sitting.

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WHITE HOUSE OPENS SEASON

MRS. ROOSEVELT RETURNS TO CAPITAL FOR MAJOR SOCIAL EVENT

Washington, Jan. 2. (P)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt left the bedside of her convalescent son to join the President Saturday night in entertaining foreign diplomats at the opening reception of the Capital's official social season.

Assured that Franklin, Jr., is out of danger from sinus trouble, Mrs. Roosevelt returned from Boston for the gruelling routine of shaking more than a thousand hands and smiling a "how do you do" to a long line of diplomats, embassy attaches, government officials and society leaders.

The diplomatic party—most glamorous of the six White House formal receptions—brings together women in the rich gowns of many nationalities and men whose tailcoats are heavy with medallions and ribbons of honor.

The top-notch diplomats and their families come early and leave soon after exchanging greetings with the Roosevelts.

Many of the younger set stay, however, for cakes and wine in the State dining room and the dancing in the East Room.

DISCUSSION OF JOBLESS AID LAW SET IN AMARILLO

Austin, Jan. 2.—R. B. Anderson, Chairman-Director of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission, will address a meeting of employers from all parts of the Panhandle in Amarillo Wednesday, Jan. 6, commission headquarters has announced.

Anderson will explain the provisions and the administration of the recently-enacted Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, which will affect more than 15,000 employers and 600,000 workers.

The meeting, which is being sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Hearing Hotel in Amarillo Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. Anderson will be introduced by Senator Clint Small of Amarillo and Lawrence Hagy, Amarillo attorney.

Since employers must pay their first contribution under the Texas law before Jan. 25, Anderson will outline the steps that employers should take in the payment of their tax and discuss how employers may qualify for a merit rating in future years through stabilization of employment.

INFECTION THREATENS LIFE OF POPE PIUS

Vatican City, Jan. 2. (P)—Weakened by lack of sleep and facing the danger of gangrene in an open wound in his left leg, Pope Pius insisted Saturday on discussing church problems with a French archbishop.

The pontiff, again suffering pain from circulatory obstruction in his leg, received Archbishop Jean Chollet of Cambrai, temporary administrator of the Diocese of Rouen.

Vatican officials reported "no material change" in the condition of the 73-year-old Holy Father after a recurrence of the affliction in his paralyzed limb.

The setback followed a brief period of recovery Friday when the pain, from an open ulcer caused by the bursting of a varicose vein, abated allowing the Pope uninterrupted rest.

Physicians labored to build up the Pope's resistance to gangrene by special medication as the possibility of infection in the wound brought fresh fears to attendants.

Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of State, was understood to be prepared to take over his duties at a moment's notice of the Pontiff's death.

On Dec. 22 the South Pole is nearer the sun than any other point on earth is at any time.

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Mexico Launches Plan To Increase Foreign Trade

Mexico City, Jan. 2. (P)—Mexico soon will create a Bank of Foreign Trade to facilitate commerce abroad.

President Lazaro Cardenas, however, announcing plans for the new financial institution in his voluminous New Year's message to the Nation, made no reference to negotiations for refunding part of Mexico's billion-dollar foreign debt.

The negotiations are expected to be concluded shortly in an agreement with an International Bankers Committee representing bondholders and to provide for resumption of payments suspended eight years ago.

The President disclosed Mexico has sold almost \$1,500,000 in armaments to the Spanish Socialist Government since the outbreak of the civil war in Spain. He said the sales included 28,000 rounds of ammunition, 22,000 rifles, two batteries of 80-caliber artillery pieces, four 75's, one "Vickers" gun and 65 machine guns.

BRILLIANT TULSA STUDENT DIES UNDER TRAIN ENGINE

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 2. (P)—Police Captain Ray Cowan said a note reading: "I am a suicidal maniac. I have no reason to die but have an uncontrollable desire to kill myself" was found in a pocket of Monroe Hoffman, 19, brilliant University of Tulsa student, who was killed Friday night by a Frisco switch engine here.

C. Sullivan, engineer, told police the youth was walking along the right-of-way in the outskirts of Tulsa and threw himself in front of the locomotive, which Sullivan said was not traveling fast. The wheels passed over his body.

Instructors of the youth, a son of M. H. Hoffman, Tulsa insurance man, said he was the ranking student of his class in 1935-36. He was studying chemical engineering and had been made head of the laboratory. He was a sophomore.

TWO WYOMING RANCHERS DIE IN BLAZING HOME

Lusk, Wyo., Jan. 2. (P)—From the smoldering ruins of a ranch house and from a middle-aged man who babbled he "had to keep the big lights going," Coroner George Peet sought Saturday to learn about the death of two ranchers whose bodies were nearly consumed in a New Year's day fire.

Peet said the bodies were those of George Baird, 55, and his son Charles, 60, brother of Grover, 50, who he believed was investigating Livestock on the ranch, riant from hunger and unkempt, led Peet to theorize the men in the house may have been dead several days.

He said Grover Baird told him he had last seen his brother three days ago and mumbled incoherently that Charles wouldn't help him "keep the big lights going."

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BRITAIN, ITALY SIGN TREATY

MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEM CLEARED AS POWERS END FRICTION

Rome, Jan. 2. (AP)—Great Britain and Italy Saturday signed a gentleman's agreement, an official communique announced, guaranteeing the status quo of the Mediterranean and drawing the two great powers to closer cooperation.

Only a brief communique was published to announce the important news that friction between England and Italy, which at this time last year threatened to burst into open conflict, had been eliminated.

However, the authoritative Fascist commentator, Virginia Gayda, made it plain the agreement in no way modifies the Italo-German understanding of European problems—including Spain. This understanding, he asserted, "always remains the backbone of Italian foreign policy." Gayda also charged the French had "attempted until the last minute" to participate in the Mediterranean pact, "or at least to delay its conclusion." He did, however, say Italy had no intention of adopting a hostile attitude toward France, but wanted a clarification of the French policy toward Spain, which is an integral part of the Mediterranean problem.

It was considered probable the accord would assist in an eventual regulation of the Spanish civil war as a danger to the status quo of the Mediterranean.

Leaving Vernon.
Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Stampfli and daughter, Peggy Rose, will leave Vernon next week to make their home in Wichita Falls. Mr. Stampfli will be associated with his father, Vic Stampfli, in the real estate and oil business and will serve as relief operator for the three Texas Consolidated theaters of that city. He has been an operator with the company's Pictorium Theater here for the past two years.

Vesper Service Cancelled.
Vesper services which were scheduled for 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Central Christian Church here have been cancelled because of funeral services which will be conducted that afternoon at Crowell for Mrs. Ida Cheek, according to an announcement by Rev. G. T. Reaves, pastor.

Dressing Up.
W. S. "Bill" Gantt is installing new equipment in his barber shop in the 1800 block on Texas Street. "There won't be an changes in personnel, policy or location," stated Mr. Gantt, "just different furnishings."

GROCERY IN NEW LOCATION

The opening of the Massie-Coffee Grocery Saturday in its new location in the Kincheloe building at 1828 Peace Street was marked by the presence of many visitors and customers. The store was located in the Sumner building, 1526 Main Street, for many years.

R. L. Coffee, manager, said he was pleased with the large turnout for the opening and the many compliments received on the appearance of the store. Walls and fixtures have been finished in white and a different arrangement made in fixtures to provide more room for the grocery stock and the convenience of customers. Complete food service in every detail is maintained by the store. Its meat department is in charge of Ross Burch.

Royal Duke has been added to the staff of the store. Horace Lovelady of the Massie-Horsetz Grocery was present Saturday to assist in caring for the extra business on the opening day.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Ernest McCray, Richard Hill, and M. D. Gentry of Denton, and Miss Lena Gilmore of Wichita Falls visited in Vernon Friday. Mrs. Gilmore is a sister of Wilson Gilmore, teacher in Vernon High School.

Miss Beryl Jean Elliott returned Friday to her home in San Antonio after visiting here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dixon. She was accompanied home by an aunt, Mrs. Armstead M. Hiatt. Mrs. Hiatt will return to Vernon Sunday.

H. C. Thompson will leave Sunday for Tyler and return the next day with Mrs. Thompson and daughter, Myra Jane, and Bobbie Oliver who have been visiting this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cade of Tyler.

Mrs. James Holladay and daughter, Edna James, returned Friday from a visit with Mrs. Holladay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keltz, of Matador. They were accompanied to Vernon by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Campbell, who were married Friday in Matador. Mrs. Campbell is a sister of Mrs. Holladay.

Miss Margaret Wilson has returned to her home in Wichita Falls after a visit in the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. N. Wilson. She is a niece of Dr. Wilson.

Clyde and James Allen Hodges of Dallas are expected here Sunday to visit their mother, Mrs. J. W. Hodges. Mrs. Hodges expects to return to her duties as District Clerk Monday following illness that has kept her from the office since early in October.

Record classified ads get results.

Social and Club News

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Elliott Members Were Hindered by Weather in 1936

Natural forces rather than human ones defeated members of the Elliott Home Demonstration Club in their effort during 1936 to be 100 per cent in meeting club goals. The drought made good home gardens impossible, so that goals for canning food were not attained, and lack of moisture also hindered the yard improvement program.

With the cooperation of the Elliott School Board, the Elliott women completed their chief supplementary project—the establishing of a community park center. Men of the community assisted the women in building seats and a barbecue pit, and the trees were whitewashed and the grounds cleaned and beautified. According to Mrs. S. E. Lawlis, the club president, the fish and chicken fried given by the club during the Summer months were sufficient reward for the effort expended.



PRESIDENT

Of the fourteen cooperators in the club, five of them added pieces of lawn furniture during the year, and four of them served supper on the lawn. Ten roses and chrysanthemums were planted in their efforts to meet club goals. Three cooperators and the club yard demonstrator sodded their lawns, three constructed new walks and drives, and a total of \$9.50 was expended on the yard improvement program. Five nursery shrubs, 35 native shrubs, three shade trees, and seven cuttings were planted during the year by the membership and are still alive despite the drought.

All 15 members met goals for the year in wardrobe demonstration, improving their storage facilities, making dresses and slips from foundation patterns, and participating in the county dress contest. An average of \$52 per individual was spent during the year for clothing, accounts kept by members show. Seventy-five children's garments and 56 garments for adults were made by club members during the year. Three closets were built, four were remodeled, and two members purchased new sleeve and ironing boards.

In concluding her report to the County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Lawlis said, "We have strived to make our club one of the best in the county."

TRUSCOTT LODGE TO VISIT VERNON REBEKAHS SOON

Members of the Truscott Rebekah lodge will be guests of the Vernon group for installation of officers, initiation of candidates, and a school of instruction on Jan. 15, according to plans made at a lodge meeting Friday night at the Odd Fellow Hall. Mrs. O. R. Key will install officers and conduct the instruction school.

Finances were discussed at the meeting and a refreshment committee appointed to assist Friday night, Jan. 8, when the Vernon Rebekahs will entertain the Texas-Oklahoma Rebekah League. Approximately 150 guests are expected from the Grandfield, Altus, and Frederick, Okla., lodges, and from the Wichita Falls and Electra organizations in Texas.

Competitive degree work and election of officers are the principal activities to confront the League's first bi-monthly meeting. Electra and Grandfield degree teams will compete at the first meeting, and the schedule for subsequent competition will be announced Friday night.

Approximately 40 persons attended Friday's lodge meeting.

Tolbert, Prairie View Young People Honored

Young people of the Prairie View and Tolbert Baptist churches were entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. K. E. McKneely in the Prairie View community New Year's Eve. Rev. McKneely is pastor of the Prairie View and Tolbert churches.

After a number of games had been enjoyed by the group, refreshments of apples and candy were served to the following: T. C. Carpenter, Sue Mouser, Phillip Durham, Lorene Durham, Anna Beth Durham, Harold Butler, Mattie Simmons, Louise Morrison, Josie Whitley, Willie Whitley, Gerry Durham, Pauline Mouser, Lonnie L. Ross, Jack Flynn, Cecil Flynn, Dora Dell Durham, Vashli Stallings, Margaret Stallings, Marion Killingsworth.

Bill Williams, Ferris West, Weldon McDonald, Jack Whitley, Mack Whitley, Allen Davis, Glen Killingsworth, Mary Morrison, Elma McDonald, Olive Vetta Graham of the Northside community, Mamie Dell McKneely of Vernon, Mrs. Olin West, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. Huland Fincher, and the host and hostess, Rev. and Mrs. K. E. McKneely.

Carrot, Turnip Designs Appear in Spring Prints

Chicago, Jan. 2. (AP)—Listed under the "What next will women wear?" heading can be placed the new print frocks in which carrots, turnips and tomatoes are glorified in the designs. If these vegetable prints are not "different enough," there are some in which meat on the hoof—tiny cattle and sheep—figure.

The first of the year usually brings with it an array of print dresses, which are good "pick-ups" for a winter-weary wardrobe. This season the print designs are unique. One print frock, just unpacked at a leading store, has an over all design of flower pots in which blossom a bright colored flower against a dark background. The belt buckle is shaped like a flower pot.

Some of the designs in the new prints are small. Others are huge. One of the newest has a floral pattern the size of a saucer. These very large prints are considered flattering to small figures. The majority of the mid-season print frocks—even those intended to stay at home in Northern climes—have elbow length, or even shorter, sleeves.

FARGO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS GIVEN NEW YEAR EVE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fulcher entertained members of the senior girls' Sunday School class of the Fargo Baptist Church and their guests with a watch party Thursday night at the Fulcher home. Games were played under the direction of Bonner Brown, Annie Lou Fulcher, and Mrs. Fulcher.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Phillips, Lillian Chisholm, Cleo Brown, Hazel Woodard, Fay Riggins, Bonner Brown, Kathleen Dugan, Arlene Rice, Mary Jo Belew, Helen Smith, Maxine Allen, Annie Lou Fulcher, Inez Brown, Patty Jean Bowlin, Mary Jo Fulcher, Elizabeth Fulcher, and Leonard Woodard, Joe Emmett, J. C. Parker, Gene Shaw, Hubert Crisp, Wayne Emmett, Carl Crisp, William Fowler, Odell Morrison, R. V. Woodard, James Goble, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goble, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fulcher.

KOONTZ FAMILY HAS FIRST REUNION IN 21 YEARS

A family reunion, the first at Christmas time during the past 21 years, was held during the holidays at the home of Mrs. D. G. Koontz of the East Vernon community. Supper was served and the evening spent in singing and in reminiscence.

Those present were Lester Koontz of Norcatur, Kan.; Mrs. Cora Wilkerson of Belleville, Kan.; Clarence Koontz, Mrs. Carl Koontz, Raymond Koontz, and Mrs. Z. H. Childress, all of Vernon.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER IS GIVEN AT BROTHERTON HOME

A New Year's Eve dinner was given Thursday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Brotherton, 2404 South Fannin Street. A turkey dinner was served buffet style.

Guests, all from Electra, were Mrs. M. M. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Cade and sons, Murel, and Carl, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Robinson and children, Joan and Ronald Reid, Haynes Robinson, Julian Robinson, Mrs. Stella Moad, Roy Gibson, and the host and hostess and their two sons, M. G., Jr., and Glen Hardy Brotherton.

Record classified ads get results.

Mrs. Caperton Is Hostess to Class Friday Afternoon

Mrs. F. A. Caperton was hostess at a regular monthly social meeting Friday afternoon of the Wesley Workers' Class of the First Methodist church. The meeting was held at Mrs. Caperton's home with Mrs. W. F. Martin as assistant hostess.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. A. J. Carpenter, and Mrs. J. L. Showers acted as chairman of the business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. L. Clifford. Mrs. T. S. Bell served as secretary. Roll call was answered with social service reports, followed by games under the direction of Mrs. P. L. Ribble.

Refreshments of sandwiches, fruit cake, and tea were served to Mesdames P. L. Ribble, J. C. Blanchett, Spurgeon McDougal, A. J. Carpenter, Marvin Britte, Herbert Maas, J. L. Showers, F. A. Caperton, H. E. Rogers, M. E. Barnhill, W. M. Hall, J. W. Laxston, W. B. Kelly, C. A. Atwell, T. S. Bell, C. W. Andrews, R. B. Adams, W. M. Adamson, E. E. Pull, A. L. Cox, Miss Bobbie Castleberry, and the hostesses, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Caperton.

Plan Business Session.

The regular monthly meeting of the First Baptist W. M. S. will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. Mrs. W. N. Martin, president, will have charge, and reviews of the past quarter's work will be given by the standing chairmen. No executive meeting is scheduled for the afternoon.

To Resume Practice.

Regular weekly practice of the choral division of the Musicians' Club will be resumed Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. at the First Methodist Church according to an announcement made Saturday. The practice was discontinued during the holidays.

OKLAHOMA VISITOR HERE IS HONOREE OF HOLIDAY DANCE

A theater party and dance honoring Miss Peggy Stapp of Oklahoma City was given New Year's Eve by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hall at their home, 1703 London Street. Miss Stapp, a niece of Mr. Hall, spent the holiday season here.

The guests arrived at 9 o'clock and were served a refreshment plate from the lace-covered table, which was centered with a bowl of large white chrysanthemums. Crystal candlesticks holding white wax tapers were arranged on either side, and giant seven-branched candelabra on the buffet lighted the dining room.

Red roses were used as decorations in other entertaining rooms. The young people danced until time for the midnight show, and as a last Leap Year gesture the girls took their escorts to the theater. Mrs. Hall was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Leon H. Brown of Mission.

Guests in addition to the honoree were Misses Joan Norwood, Inez Roberts, Betty Lou Lissman, Betty Jane King, Marjorie Ann Cope, Margaret Wilson of Wichita Falls, Robert Moore, Perry Morris, Billy Mack Mann, N. P. Craig, Jr., Ben Leutwyler, Jr., Mrs. Leon H. Brown, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hall.

Holiday Party Given At Porterfield Home

Miss Sammie June Porterfield entertained a number of her friends at a party Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Porterfield, 2222 Mesquite Street. Games and a treasure hunt provided entertainment during the evening.

Assisted by her mother, the hostess served refreshments of salad, cookies, mints, and hot punch. Guests were Mary Virginia Sharp, Kathryn King, Bobbie June Brown, Madelyn Weeth, Lucille Anderson, Sybil Coffee, Betsy Nichols, Norma Lea Hoffman, Shirley Traxler, Fairlyn Johnson, Bess Weatherall of Electra, Wanda Samuel, Hulda Mae Garrison, Leta Verne McDougal, Ruth Ellen Pearson, Jean and Louise Anderson of Wellington, Guy Puckett, Jr., Emmett Maxon, James Sullivan, Bobby Messick, H. C. Jones, Jr., Clark Renss, Weldon Maples, Eugene Daniel, Buddy Powell, Billy Mack Mann, Porter Stinnett, Jr., M. R. Garrison, Jr., Harold Cooper, Troy Taylor, Herbert Kuhn, Dan Abbott, Ronald Keener, Paul Albright and Clois Rainwater, and Marian Davis and Sammie June Porterfield.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL CIRCLE 2 TO DIRECT PROGRAM MONDAY

Circle 2 will have charge of the program at a meeting of the Woman's Council of the Central Christian Church Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the church. "Jesus' Teaching on the Use of Money" will be the program topic, and articles from the World Call to be reviewed at the meeting are "Let the Local Church Play Fair" and "From Cape Coast to Jarvis."

Auxiliary Meets.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Federated Presbyterian Church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. Mrs. L. J. Sullivan, president, urges all members to be present.

Court Notes.

Record classified ads get results.

Missionary Society To Meet in All-Day Session

Program arrangements for the regular first Monday all-day meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church were announced Saturday. The organization will meet at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning.

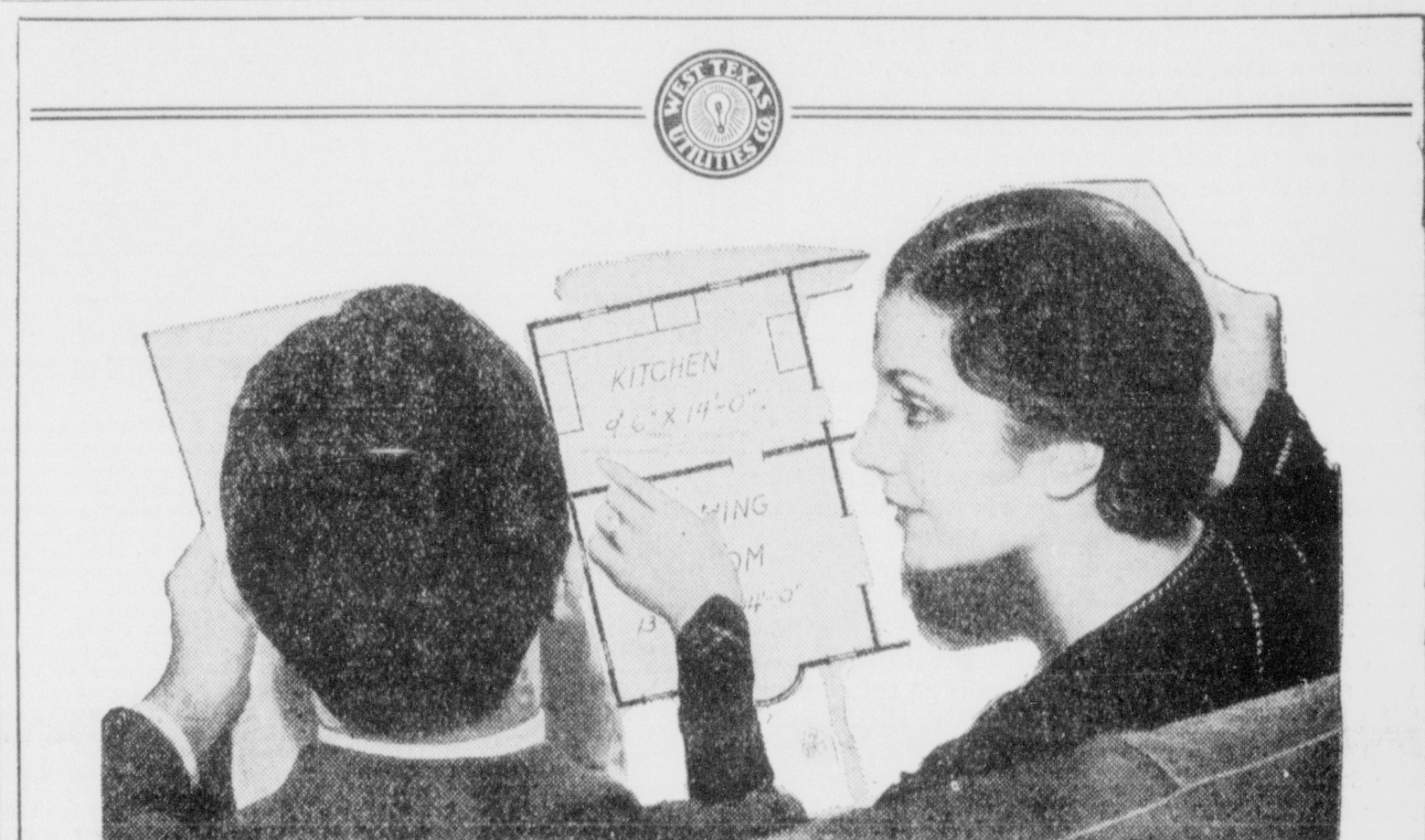
Mrs. W. P. Thomas will be leader of the morning program, for which the devotional will be conducted by Mrs. Cal C. Wright. Other topics on the program will be "Spiritual Resources" by Rev. W. L. Tittle, "The Universal Peace Conference" by Mrs. F. A. Caperton, and "The Bishop's Crusade" by Mrs. W. W. Barnes. Mrs. A. E. Harroun will have charge of special music during the morning.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour with Circle 1 in charge, and the afternoon business session will begin at 1:30 o'clock under the direction of the president, Mrs. F. A. Caperton. Mrs. W. L. Tittle will conduct the afternoon devotional.

Texarkana, Texas, Jan. 2. (AP)—

Proceedings in the Court of Civil Appeals Sixth Supreme Judicial District of Texas Monte Oil Company et al vs. C. P. Kiester et al, reversed and rendered, Gregz Co. submitted; J. W. Woods et al vs. H. C. Fisher, Bowie County.

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KIDNAPING THREAT IS REVIVED.

Abduction of Tacoma Lad Recalls Spectacle of Guards for American Children.

Failure to effect the release of Charles Mattson, the Tacoma, Washington, lad, has revived the fear of kidnaping which swept over the country a few years ago. The Lindbergh case was only one of many kidnapings engineered at the height of the abduction racket, and the threat of this most terrible of all crimes hovered over every home of wealth or prominence.

But Federal agents went into action and one kidnaping after another was solved. Kidnapers were sent to the electric chair or to prison for life and the country began to feel that finally something was being done and American citizens and their children could lead normal lives.

The whole terrible specter is brought back by the Mattson case. There is a growing fear that youngster has been killed and we shall see again the spectacle of armed men standing guard while little children play. It is possible that the Tacoma kidnaping was done by a maniac, but the mentally unbalanced may get their inspiration from lurid accounts of the achievements of professional criminals. The law enforcement agencies can't afford to relax efforts to drive the kidnapers out of business.

SECRET SERVICE CHIEF RETIRES.

William H. Moran Says Government Is Niggardly in Providing Retirement Pay.

Retiring after 54 years as chief of the Secret Service, William H. Moran took advantage of the opportunity to criticize the Government's policy of dealing with Secret Service operatives in the matter of retirement pay. He pointed out that the work of Secret Service men is extremely hazardous and they are entitled to more than average consideration in providing for their retirement on account of age.

Mr. Moran's retirement allowance is approximately \$1,500 a year. That sum will be sufficient to provide the necessities, but will probably be insufficient to enable him to live in his accustomed manner. But there is no reason why he should be compelled to accept a much lower standard of living in retirement. Government salaries, as a rule, are not large for the more responsible positions. Clerkships carry better salaries in proportion. On the whole private business pays better salaries to executives.

It is altogether likely, therefore, that Mr. Moran received a smaller compensation than paid men of similar talents and with like responsibilities in private business. But the Secret Service is not so large in the number of men employed as to constitute much of a problem for the Government in the matter of retirement.

Some will say, of course, individual thrift should be relied upon to provide for old age needs. That may be true, but on the other hand the Government might practice some of humanitarian virtues so loudly urged upon private employers.

A STATE CIVIL SERVICE.

Will Politics Govern Selection of Millions of Social Security Workers?

Administration of the social security program presents a personnel problem of the first magnitude. It is estimated that the number of workers will equal the number of postal employees. At a glance this will give some impression of what a vast reservoir of jobs have been opened up.

This reservoir may be utilized by the politicians to build up machines, or it may be converted into a fine service to the public as well as affording attractive career jobs. Ten states have civil service, similar to that of the Federal Government. Texas is not one of the ten, and unless the coming session of the Legislature does something about it a whole army of employees will be selected on a political basis. They will handle the vastly complex task of handling millions of dollars in money and accounts dealing with many thousands of people.

We can well imagine what the postal service would be like if the employees were selected on a basis of politics, with each change in executive positions accompanied by similar changes in the working personnel. The administration of the different phases of the social security program is even more important than the postal service. If a piece of mail is delayed or is sent to the wrong address, the error usually will rectify itself without serious results. But if an error is made in the account of a claimant on one of the social security funds, permanent loss may result due to the fact that the error may not be discovered for many years.

In addition the Federal organizations to handle different parts of the social security program, each State must have a much larger force than the Federal agency employs in that State. The success of the whole program will depend in a very large degree upon the efficiency of the State administrative agencies. The task is too large and the issues too vital to be risked in the hands of a politically created administrative machine. But that will happen in Texas unless the Legislature acts to set up a civil service.

A Michigan woman who brought some fruit cake to a doctor to have them X-rayed might have been trying to locate her husband's teeth.

The man who wed the nudist queen isn't so dumb. Imagine have a wife whose most expensive plaint is "Darling, I simply must have another coat of tan."

The World Revolutionist



Periodic Health Check Urged by State Officer

Austin, Jan. 2.—"Check up on your health assets and liabilities during the first month of this new year, and establish a working balance in health that will carry you through the year," is the advice urged upon all citizens of Texas by Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Destruction of human beings by the forces of nature is often unavoidable, but sacrifice of life to preventable diseases results from neglecting the principles of health," he said, "and is due largely to man's supreme indifference to his physical welfare."

"The purpose of the periodic health examination is not the diagnosis of a disease but the detection of physical defects or predisposition to disease and faults in living habits, the correction of which would have even a remote beneficial action on the life of the person examined. Disease, physical failure, and ultimate death are due not to time alone, but to definite physical causes. The periodic examination endeavors to determine the causes or defects so that they may be removed or corrected."

"Innumerable surveys and examinations have been made of pre-school groups and of children in school to detect conditions that might lead to illness later on or to a physical handicap of some sort, if allowed to run on without correction. The annual physical check-up is the great bulwark against death dealing conditions of middle-life such as certain heart ailments, diabetes, nephritis, and other so-called degenerative diseases. These maladies oftentimes sneak up on one, so to speak, and work unannounced, up to a certain point! It is during this period that they are discoverable by the trained diagnostic ability of the physician."

"The unfortunate increase in premature deaths of middle-age and beyond, in a measure at least, can be credited to the public's lack of appreciation of the inestimable life-saving and disease-preventing value of the periodic physical examination."

FORMER VERNON MAN DIES AT BRIDGEPORT

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Summerour returned Friday night from Bridgeport, where they attended funeral services for W. C. Poore of that city who died Thursday following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Poore is a sister of Mrs. Summerour. He was associated here for a number of months with Allman's Service, and at the time of his death he was engaged in the tire business at Bridgeport.

Crash Kills Bryan Man.
Navasota, Texas, Jan. 2. (P)—John N. Sasey of Bryan was fatally injured near here when a truck in which he was riding overturned on the highway Thursday. W. H. Brodgon, also riding in the vehicle, was seriously injured, and Cecil Casey, driver, slightly injured. Officers said the steering gear of the truck broke. Casey died at a hospital here Friday.

Perfect Alibi.
Kinston, N. C., Jan. 2. (P)—Officers put blood hounds on the trail of thieves who broke into a store. The dogs led the way to the home of Edward Price and Isaiah Thomas, Negroes, but it was a false steer. The Negroes had perfect alibi. They were in jail abroad, charged with disturbing the peace.

Auto Accident Fatal.
El Campo, Jan. 1. (P)—Mrs. Mary Helen Cummings, 27, was instantly killed Friday when the automobile driven by her husband, Dr. Wendell Cummings, collided with a truck. Dr. Cummings, collided with a truck. Dr. face and head were cut. The couple lived here.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY NEARS PEAK OF 1929

Austin, Jan. 2.—Industrial activity in the country at large currently averages only about six per cent below the 1929 peak, it is pointed out by Dr. F. A. Buechel, assistant director of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, in his review of business conditions and prospects.

"Several of the leading lines, such as the steel, motor, and textile industries, are in fact now operating at a considerably higher rate than during the fourth quarter of 1929, the beginning of the depression," Dr. Buechel asserted. "Moreover, it is expected that these industries will continue to make a favorable year-to-year showing at least during the first quarter of 1937."

"The only great industry in which current activity is still far behind pre-depression years is the construction industry and even here the showing is not uniformly poor. Residential construction is gradually increasing and promises to continue to do so during 1937. Non-residential building on the other hand is still lagging and is expected to fall considerably below 1936 levels during the first quarter, at least, of 1937."

MARINE CORPS PLANES TO MAKE LONG FLIGHT

Fort Sam Houston, Jan. 2.—A transcontinental flight of U. S. Marine Corps planes from Quantico, Va., to San Diego, Calif., in January, will stop at Randolph Field, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, and at Tucson, Ariz. Eighteen Corps Aeronautics Squadron have been notified by the War Department.

The flight of four squadrons, one observation, one fighting, one bombing and one utility squadron, will fly across the continent to participate in the fleet maneuvers on the Pacific Coast.

Flying by squadrons, 56 officers and 74 enlisted men will remain over night at Randolph Field on Jan. 24, arriving at San Antonio from Maxwell Field, Ala. The same number of men and officers will be at Fort Bliss on Jan. 25, and an equal number at Tucson on Jan. 26.

The flight will return by the same route, but the exact date for return has not been definitely established.

BAPTIST REVIVAL TO START AT PADUCAH

Paducah, Jan. 2.—Dr. H. E. Dana, professor of the New Testament at the seminary in Fort Worth, will lead the First Baptist Church here in a doctrinal revival which will begin Sunday morning.

Among the topics which will be discussed are "Origin of the Baptist Church," "Why Baptists Vote People into the Church," and "Security of the Believer."

Rev. Ira Harrison, pastor, invited the public to attend the services which will be conducted throughout next week each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Gulf Coast Oil Production in 1936 Increases

Houston, Jan. 2. (P)—Fourteen oil fields and five gas-distillate pools, with an estimated reserve of 40,000,000 barrels of crude, were discovered in 1936 in the Texas Gulf Coast region, considered one of the most active areas of the Nation.

It was estimated that 86,000,000 barrels of reserve was uncovered in proven fields due to extension, new sands and developments, making a total of 126,000,000 barrels of crude reserve opened in the area during the year. The estimate did not cover the Segno and South Cotton Lake pools, discovered Christmas week.

Estimates on the reserve were made by the Oil Weekly, which said there remained in the coastal area an ultimate reserve of 1,800,000,000 barrels. More than 60,000,000 barrels of crude was produced in the area last year.

Discoveries included: Amelia (Jefferson County), Silabee (Hardin County), Withers (Charton County), Lockridge (Brazoria County), Greens Lake (Galveston County), Hawkinsville (Matagorda County), Nome (Jefferson County), Hamman (Matagorda County), West Beaumont (Jefferson County), Magnet (Wharton County), Cotton Lake and South Cotton Lake (Chambers County), Salsuma, or Fairbanks (Harris County), Greens Bayou (Galveston County), Hitchcock (Galveston County), Spanish Camp (Wharton County), Five Corners (Wharton County), Senbreeze (Chambers County).

Wildcatting development also hit a new high, 110 tests being drilled in the 12 months. Another important development was the trend toward deeper drilling. A few years ago a 5,000-foot hole was considered an extremely deep test. In 1936, however, most of the wildcats were projected to at least 7,000 feet, reaching for some of the newly discovered sands. Operators expressed the opinion that in 1937 most of the wildcats would go to 10,000 feet.

BETTING SHOWS INCREASE AT SANTA ANITA TRACK

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 2. (P)—A new record for the amount of money wagered at Santa Anita track during the 1936-37 winter racing meet was forecast Saturday. The New Year's day total bets of 35,000 fans amounted to \$631,258 compared to \$532,735 a year ago.

Tempestuous, leading from start to finish, carried the colors of Mrs. T. Stevenson of Canada to victory in the \$5,000 added New Year stakes. The five-year-old gelding won by a neck over Sangreal of the Milky Way Farm.

Tempestuous paid \$10.40, \$4.80 and \$3.40.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to express our deep gratitude to our many friends who offered their sympathy during our recent sorrow. We are especially grateful for the floral offerings, the words of condolence, and all the many other kindnesses shown us.

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ONLY TWO CHANGES MADE IN COUNTY POSTS ON JAN. 1

Paducah, Jan. 2.—Only two changes were made in the public officials of Cottle County January 1. L. D. Gibson replaced V. H. McClintock as County Judge and J. L. Russell succeeded Dave Brewster as constable.

Mr. Gibson has been a public official in Cottle County for six years, serving four years as Tax Assessor and for the past two years as Deputy Tax Assessor. Elwood McKnight will replace Mr. Gibson in the Tax Assessor's office.

Mr. McClintock, County Judge for the past four years, will go to Childress where he will become a partner in a law firm.

SANTA CLARA FANS DRAW LAUGH OVER GOAL POSTS

San Francisco, Jan. 2. (P)—Santa Clara followers who read about their cohorts asking permission in New Orleans to tear down a goal post, chuckled as they recalled some of the games in Keady Stadium, where the Broncos played their important home games.

Here Santa Clara fans didn't ask a squad of police if they could tear down the standards. They did it despite a lively tussle with the law.

In several games in 1936 police swung their clubs and fists freely to discourage goal post attackers, and it became a habit for the crowds to linger in the stands to watch the post-game Brannigan.

It was hard to determine how many students were involved in the melees, as spectators joined in the rush for the standards. At New Orleans, the Santa Clara rooters offered to pay for a goal post, but Sugar Bowl officials told them to help themselves.

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LION CAGERS RESUME GRIND VERNON TEAM WILL MEET ELECTRA TIGERS IN GAME WEDNESDAY

The Vernon High School basketball team, preparing for a game Wednesday at Electra, the first following the Christmas holidays, is going through stiff workouts under the direction of Coach Will Gilmore and Assistant Burnett Cox.

The Lions, whose showing in early games before the holidays was unimpressive, are rounding into shape and hope to take the first Northwest Texas Conference game which will be with Wichita Falls here Jan. 8. The Wichita Falls squad has made a ragged showing in games to date, scoring only one point in the first half of their game with Denton Friday night.

A return game will be played with Electra here Jan. 11 and Lion backers, encouraged by improvement shown in recent workouts, hope to see the Lions take both games from the Tigers.

Assistant Coach Wilson Herring, who has been absent from workouts for the past several days because of the death of his father near Mineral Wells, is expected to be back for Monday's practice session.

Traffic Toll Heavy.

Ridgeland, S. C., Jan. 2. (AP)—Woodrow Smith, 17, of Greenwood, Del., and Willis D. Thayer, 81, of Lyman, N. M., died here Friday, bringing to six the fatalities from automobile wrecks in this vicinity Thursday.

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Freddie Steele Gets Decision Over "Gorilla"

Milwaukee, Jan. 2. (AP)—Freddie Steele of Tacoma, Wash., successfully defended his world middleweight championship Friday by decisively outpointing Gorilla Jones, veteran Akron, Ohio, Negro, in a 10-round title bout before 6,500 spectators in the auditorium here.

Steele, making his first title defense since winning the crown from Eddie (Babe) Risko last summer, won with room to spare. He scored the only knockdown of the bout, dropping the Negro challenger for a count of three with a short right to the jaw in the seventh round and forced the fighting most of the way.

EAST CONQUERS WEST AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Jan. 2. (AP)—A trusty kicking toe accomplished what brawn and power could not do Friday and from a short but difficult field goal East conquered West in the annual football game played here for charity.

Mid-way of the third period with the East checked on the ground, Ken Sandbach, great quarterback from Princeton University, dropped back to make the kick. He and his teammates had punted and punted 32 yards to the West's 8-yard line. It was fourth down.

AUBURN AND VILLANOVA TIE IN HAVANA BATTLE

Havana, Jan. 2. (AP)—Under a blazing sun that skyrocketed the temperature to 86 degrees, Villanova's football Wildcats and Auburn's Tigers battled to a 7 to 7 tie today in the closing frame of Cuba's international sport week.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

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| Texas Christian 16, Marquette 6. | Santa Clara 21, Louisiana State 14. |
| Pittsburgh 21, Washington 0. | Duquesne 12, Mississippi State 12. |
| Auburn 7, Villanova 7. | Hardin-Simmons 34, Texas College of Mines 6. |
| All-East 28, All-West 0. | |

FROGS WIN IN COTTON BOWL MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LOSES, 16-6, IN FINAL GAME OF SEASON

Dallas, Jan. 2. (AP)—"Slingin' Sam" Baugh, that passing maverick from Texas Christian, paired off with L. D. Meyer, unheralded substitute end, to bury Marquette's Golden Avalanche, 16-6, in the Cotton Bowl classic Friday.

Seventeen thousand fans sat under overcast skies and witnessed a thriller that had every play in the books crammed into the first 20 minutes of play.

Baugh ended three years of spectacular college play with a liberal dash of passing, kicking, running and tackling that had the stands shrieking for his re-entrance into the game as he sat on the bench in the fading minutes of play.

But it was Meyer, 168-pound reserve end and nephew of Coach Leo (Dutch) Meyer, who, in a wild afternoon of pass receiving and placement kicking, produced every point the Christians scored.

The game wasn't five minutes old when Baugh shot a 23-yard aerial dart to Scott McCall to place the ball on the Marquette 15. Meyer, substitute for Willie Walls, confined to hospital, propelled a placement kick from the 23-yard stripe over the bar for a field goal.

Three plays later and Marquette had scored a touchdown. Cuff slammed a lone kick. Baugh on the Christian 15 and the slinger retailed with a lone boot Art Guepe, slippery Avalanche quarterback, caught on his 40.

ZUPPKE MAKES VACATION TRIP ALONE FIRST TIME

New York, Jan. 2. (AP)—Bob Zuppke of Illinois is making the loneliest trip of his life. . . . For years he has gone away from Champlain and football season with his wife to paint and relax. . . . These trips, he said, helped him keep his balance. . . . But last year his wife died and the little Prussian is trying to make the trip alone. . . . Vice Hanson has been offered a coaching job at Niagara, but he may turn it down to enter the auto-selling business in Syracuse. . . . The golf chiefs have announced with great dignity that after this year nobody may carry more than 14 clubs in tournaments. . . . Which is like telling you you can't make over \$10,000 a week. . . . Paul Runyan was probably responsible for this rule. . . . He carries enough spoons for an eight course dinner.

DENTON DEFEATS COYOTE CAGERS AT WICHITA FALLS

Wichita Falls, Jan. 2.—The A squad of the Denton Bronchos basketball team defeated the A squad of the Wichita Falls Coyotes 18 to 9 here Friday night. In the first game of the evening the Coyote B squad defeated the Broncho B squad 25 to 12. Jack Maddox, ineligible Coyote player who is expected to be in the lineup next year played with the B team and scored 22 of his team's 25 points. Atkins scored 10 of the Bronchos' 12 points in the B squad game.

At the end of the half in the A squad's game the score was 6 to 1 with the Bronchos in the lead. Neither team had scored in the second quarter. Miller, former Denton football player, scored 8 of this team's 18 points to take high scoring honors for the game. Reeves was high for the Coyotes with four points.

The Bronchos had been defeated Thursday night, 20 to 16, in a raggedly played game at Olney.

BAYLOR AND TEXAS TECH LOSE IN CAGE TOURNNEY

Oklahoma City, Jan. 2. (AP)—Oklahoma City's first annual invitation basketball tournament will be ended Saturday night with the State's two Missouri Valley Conference teams—Tulsa University and the Oklahoma Aggies—battling for the championship.

Tulsa's surprise entry which nobody figured as a title contender when the tourney started, slipped into the final round Friday night by beating Baylor University of Waco, Texas, 26 to 23, in a hard-fought game.

The Oklahoma Aggies had little trouble in their semi-final contest, whipping the Red Raiders of Texas Tech, 38 to 19.

Preceding the championship game will be a battle for third and fourth places between Texas Tech and Baylor, semi-final losers.

FINA'S CARDED IN NET TOURNNEY IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 2. (AP)—The four survivors of a week of play were to decide the National Juniors and boys tennis championships Saturday.

Don McNeill of Oklahoma City and Kenyon College, Ohio, top-heavy favorite in the junior play, takes on Marvin Kantowitz, New York, the East's last hope.

With the top-seeded Harvey Ink, Jr., of San Diego, Calif., eliminated, the boys' title will go to either of two Easterners, Melvin Schwartzman of New York or William Umstadter, Milburn, N. J.

McNeill continued his straight-set sweep Friday by adding Melvin Lapman of New York to his list of victims, 11-9, 6-4. Kantowitz ran into considerable difficulty before overcoming his fellow townsman, Joseph Fishback, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

BASKETBALL SCORES

(By the Associated Press)

Temple 49, Nebraska 27.
Indiana 60, Butler 27.
Michigan 41, Toledo 33.
Long Island University 46, Gallaudet 24.

Yesterday's results in the Oklahoma City meet:

Championship Semi-Finals:
Tulsa University 26; Baylor University 23.
Oklahoma Aggies 38; Texas Tech 19.

Consolation:
Oklahoma City University 33; West Texas Teachers 31.
Panhandle (Okla.) Aggies 21; Southwestern Oklahoma Teachers 18.
Oklahoma City University 48; Southwestern (Kan.) 41.

East Central Oklahoma Teachers 29; Phillips University 24.
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Southeastern Oklahoma Teachers 20; Northwestern Oklahoma Teachers 25.

Governor Inaugurated.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2. (AP)—Frank Murphy, former High Commissioner to the Philippines, was inaugurated Governor of Michigan Friday along with a complete slate of minor Democratic officers who replaced a Republican Administration.

LSU Upset, 21-14, By Santa Clara In Sugar Bowl

Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, Jan. 2.—The Louisiana State Tigers were beaten for the second successive New Year's Day in the annual Sugar Bowl football game, losing 21-14 to the Santa Clara Broncos of California here Friday. The game was played on a muddy field before a crowd of 40,000. Last year the Tigers were beaten, 2 to 2, by Texas Christian in the annual classic.

The Southeastern Conference champions, hitherto unbeaten this year, were stunned and helpless before the brilliant blocking and pass defense of the Broncos from the little college on the Pacific coast.

The Westerners' aerial attack was as deadly as their defense. The muddy field did little to retard them. Nello Falaschi, Santa Clara's All-America quarterback, and Manuel Gomez, the 175-pound halfback from Mexico City, were all but errorless in their handling of the ball.

L. S. U.'s plight obviously was hopeless after the first quarter, when the Broncos piled up 14 points.

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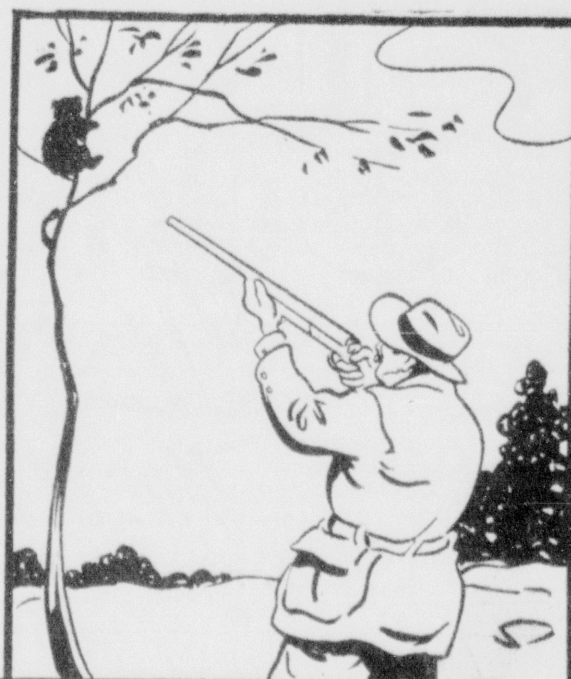
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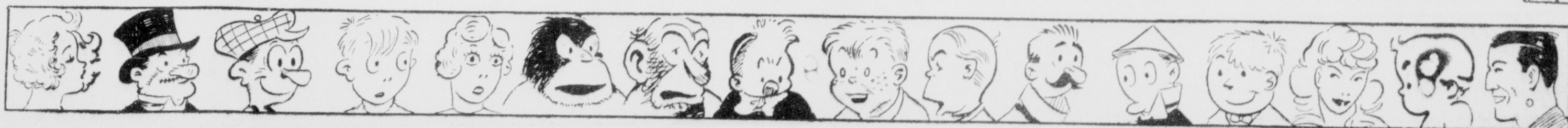
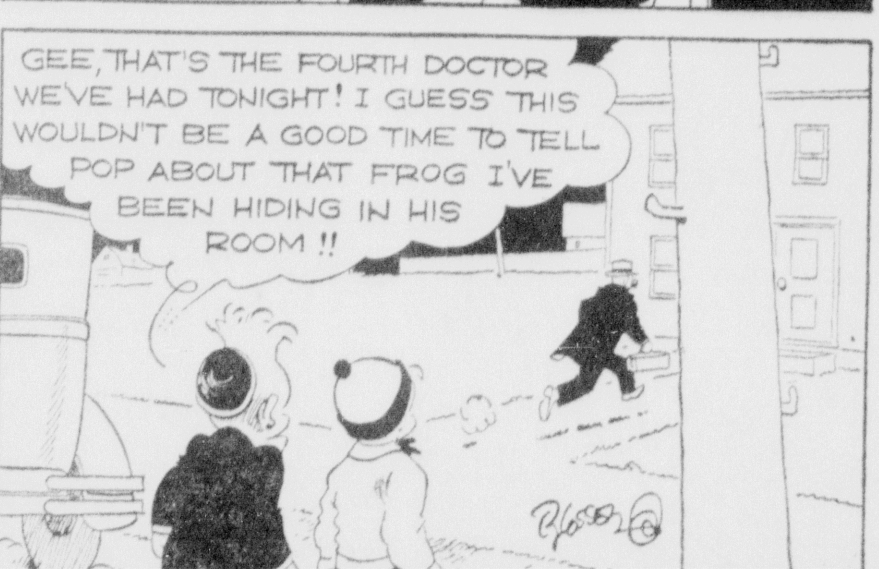
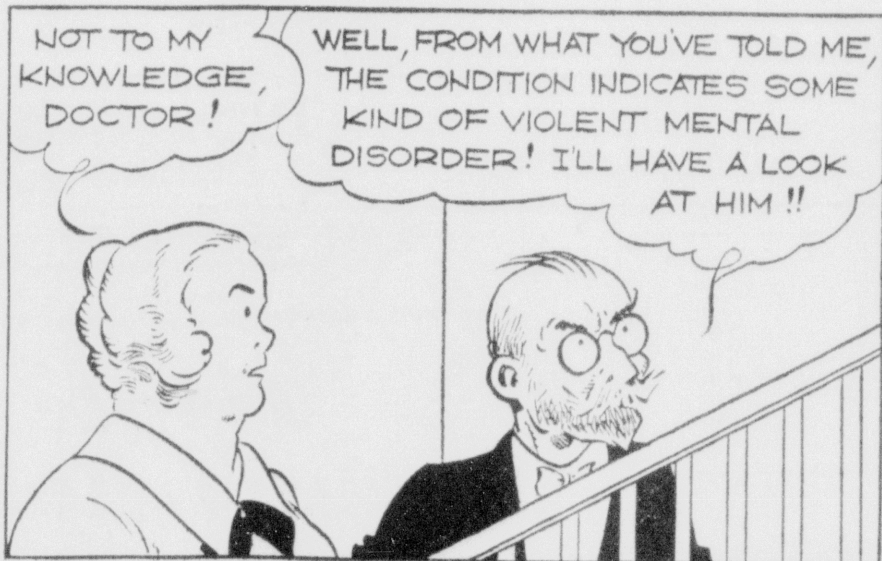
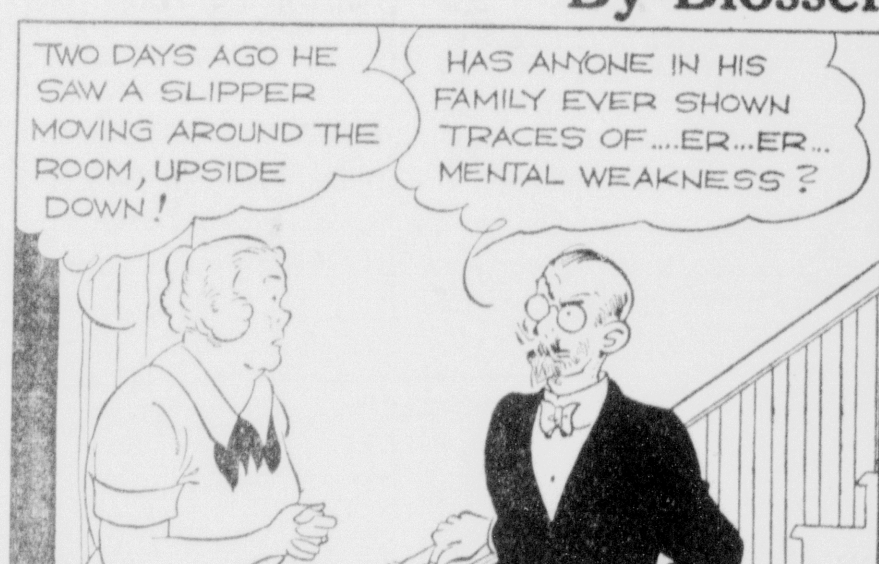
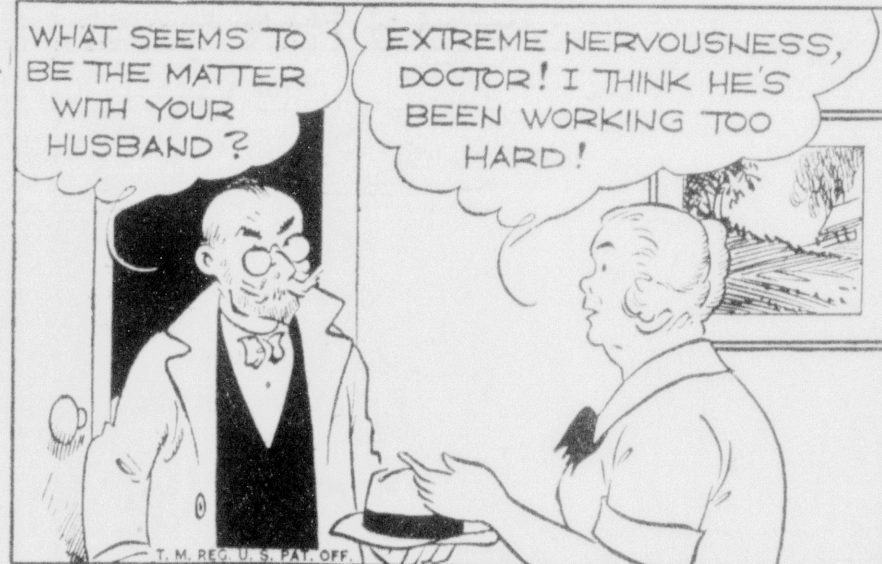
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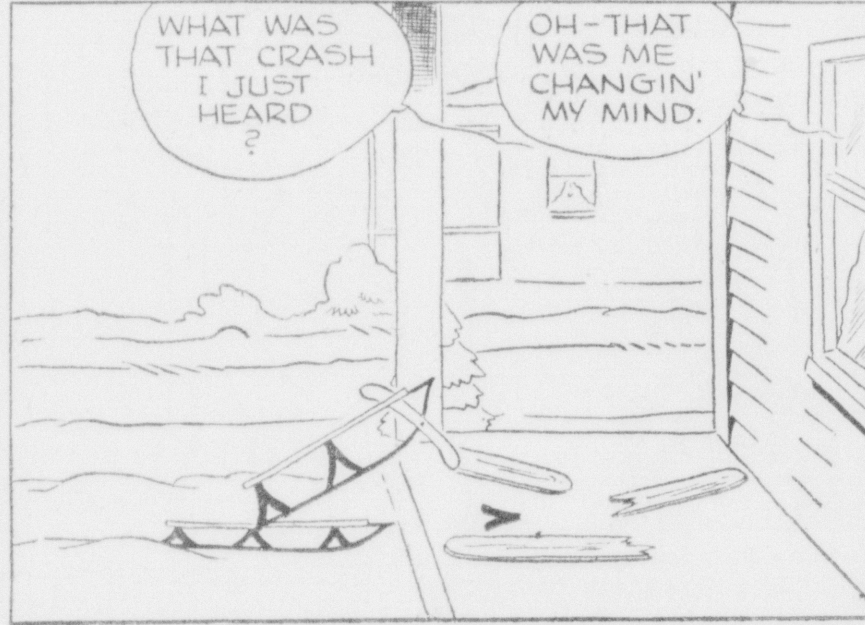
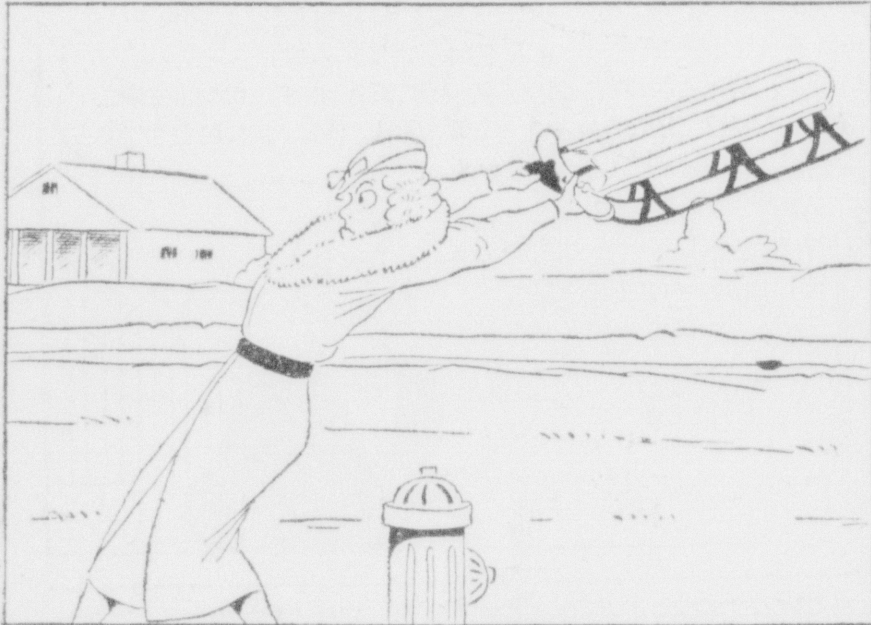
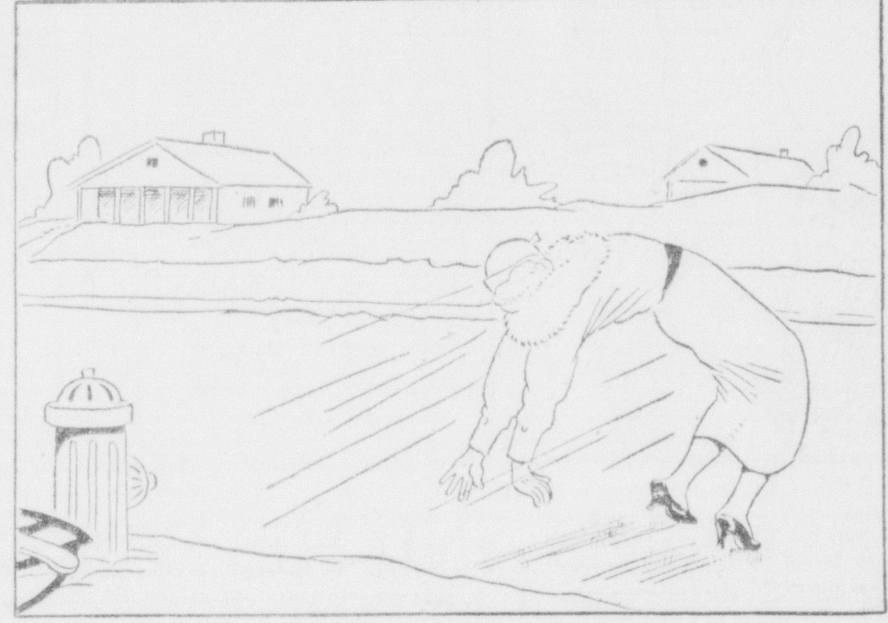
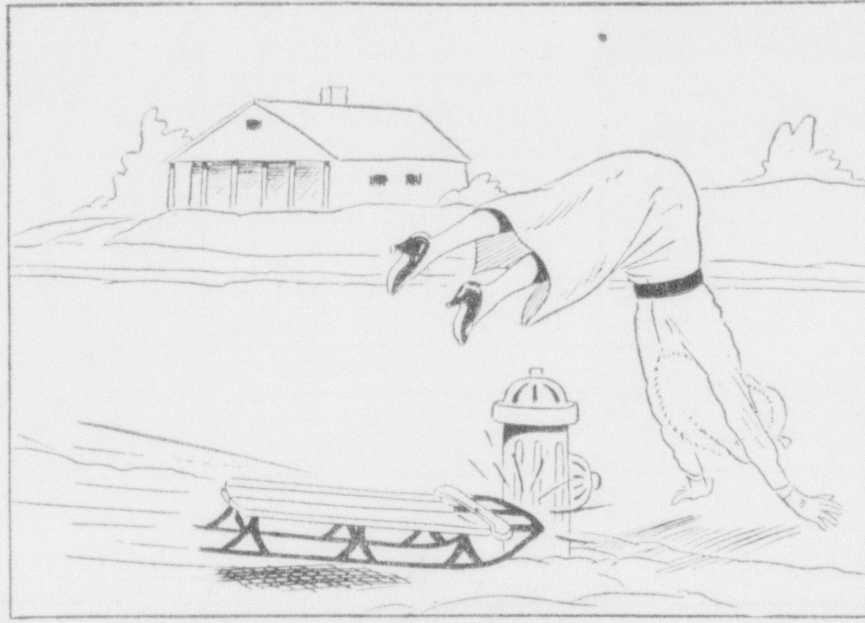
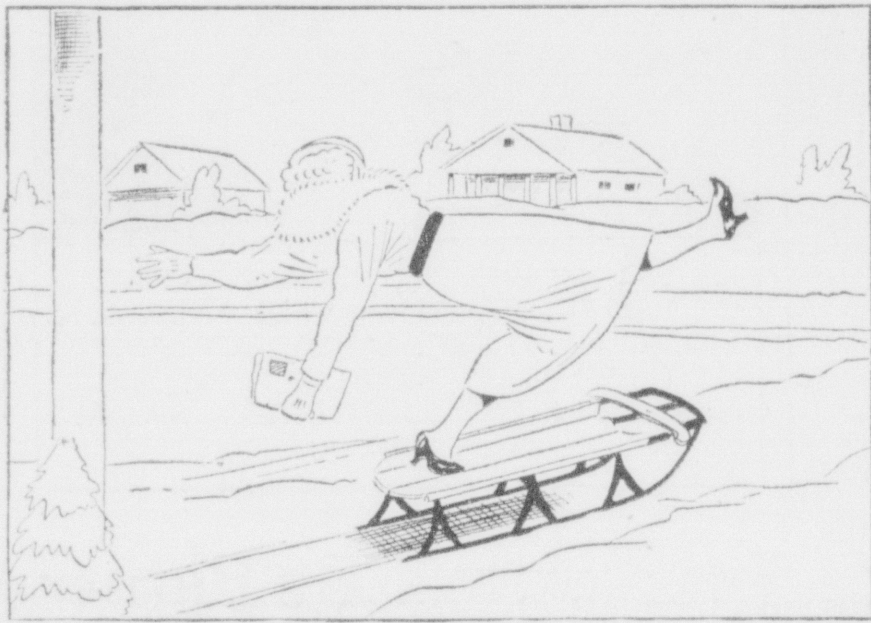
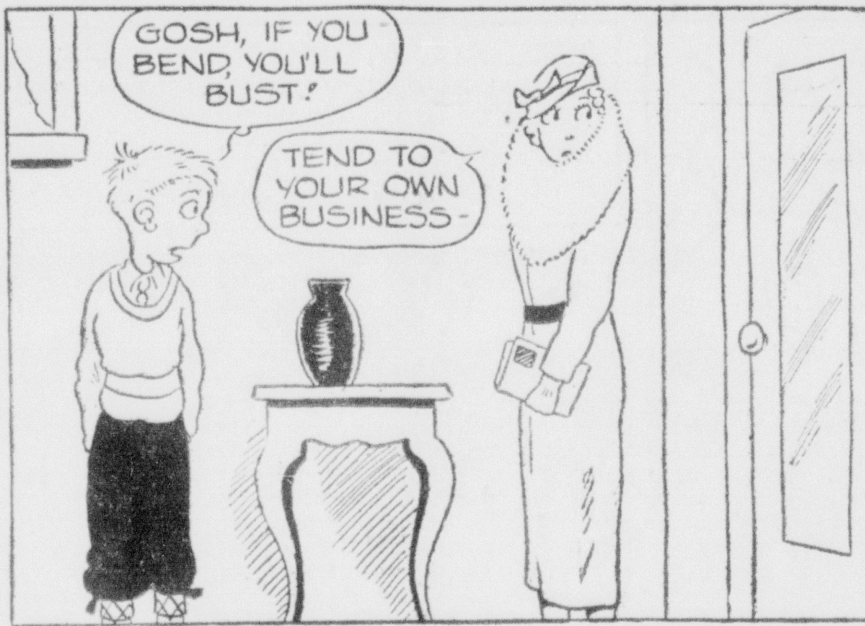
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